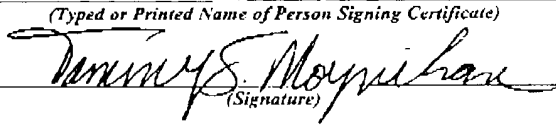


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Dear Sir:

Please consider the amendment to Claim 1 which was presented in the Amendment After Final Rejection dated January 10, 2003.

Please amend Claim 1 as follows: Note the marked-up version of the amended claim in the Appendix hereto.

1. (twice amended) A pile weatherstrip which forms a flexible seal projecting from a member when received in a holding slot extending longitudinally along the member, the slot having a throat which defines steps along opposite edges of the throat internally of the slot, said weatherstrip comprising a plurality of strands in side-by-side relationship, which said strands have resiliency to straighten thereby defining and maintaining said strands in a flat pile, which flat pile also extends longitudinally, said pile weatherstripping being formed with said flat pile being disposed in said slot bent upwardly along an axis also extending longitudinally of said slot and across said strands, and dividing said strands into separate parts tensioned to spring outwardly against said steps into holding relationship therewith, said holding relationship being provided by portions of said parts being disposed internally of said slot engaging said steps to hold said bent flat pile in said slot, exterior portions of said parts extending outwardly of said slot to define said flexible seal.

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APPENDIX

Marked-up version of Amended Claim 1.

1. (twice amended) A pile weatherstrip which forms a flexible seal projecting from a member when received in a holding slot extending longitudinally along the member, the slot having a throat which defines steps along opposite edges of the throat internally of the slot, said weatherstrip comprising a plurality of strands in side-by-side relationship, which said strands have resiliency to straighten thereby defining and maintaining said strands in a flat pile, which flat pile also extends longitudinally, said pile weatherstripping being formed with [a flat pile of strands which extend longitudinally.] said flat pile being disposed in said slot bent upwardly along an axis also extending longitudinally of said slot and across said strands, and dividing said strands into separate parts tensioned to spring outwardly against said steps into holding relationship therewith said holding relationship being provided by[,] portions of said parts being disposed internally of said slot engaging said steps to hold said bent flat pile in said slot, exterior portions of said parts extending outwardly of said slot to define said flexible seal.